(b) and (c) Ex-gratia in case of death and injury is given by the Government of NCT of Delhi in case of fire at the following rates:—

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| Ex-gratia in case of death of a major | Rs. 1,00,000 |
| Ex-gratia in case of death of a minor | Rs. 50,000 |
| Ex-gratia for serious injury | Rs. 20,000 |
| Ex-gratia for minor injury | Rs. 1,000 |

There is no scheme for rehabilitation of the persons rendered homeless due to fire.

(d) The number of firemen who lost their lives and those who suffered injury in fire during the last three years is given below:

| Year | Number of deaths | Number of persons injured |
|---|---|---|
| 2003-04 | Nil | 16 |
| 2004-05 | 09 | 27 |
| 2005-06 | Nil | 19 |

(e) The Government of NCT of Delhi has provided the following ex-gratia/relief to the families of firemen who were killed/injured:

(i) Ex-gratia @ Rs. 14 lakh (Rs. 10 lakh by the Government of NCT of Delhi and Rs. 4 lakh by Delhi Fire Service from Benevolent Fund/Group Insurance Scheme) in case of death.

(ii) Ex-gratia of Rs. 1 lakh each to the seven firemen who were seriously injured.

(iii) Employment to 07 dependents out of nine deceased firemen. The case of providing employment in the remaining one case is under process. In one case the dependent has not applied for employment, as he is below 18 years of age.

**Network of LeT in Bihar**

†3421. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the terrorist group, Lashkar-e-Taiba has established its network in several parts of Bihar and terrorist training centres are being run in some places;

(b) whether any information has been received from Government of Bihar in this regard; and

(c) if so, action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) There are no such specific reports. However, one of the two Pakistanis killed in the neutralization of one LeT module in March, 2005 in Delhi had settled in Bihar with local help.

(c) In order to curb terrorist activities of such terrorist outfits, the Government has pursued a multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening the border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, improved technology, weaponry and equipments for security forces both at the Centre and in the States, neutralizing plans of terrorist groups including LeT/anti-national elements/ ISI agents by well co-ordinated intelligence based operations.

**Expert Committee to tackle natural disasters**

3422. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to constitute an expert committee to suggest concrete measures to check the loss of lives, crops and property due to recurrring flood, cyclones and other natural disasters every year in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the need to adopt a multi-dimensional, multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral approach to deal with natural disasters. The recently enacted Disaster Management Act, 2005 provides for institutional mechanism for drawing up and monitoring the implementation of disaster management plans, including measures for prevention and mitigating effects of disasters. The